

SEABOARD AIR LINE RAY GOES THROUGH FEDERAL INQUIRY

Southerners Think Manipulation by Thomas F. Ryan Caused Receivership.

It is reported that steps will be taken in a few days looking to a Federal investigation of the financial affairs of the Seaboard Air Line railway, to determine whether any financial manipulation of the property is responsible for the troubles ending in the receivership. The Seaboard Air Line has had a strenuous financial career in recent years. The fight between John Skelton Williams and his backers, who formerly controlled the road, and Thomas F. Ryan, who finally wrested it from the Williams group, is history and familiar to people concerned with finance.

The Williams people have never been reconciled to the Ryan group, and there is much sentiment in the South that the road has been manipulated in a fashion that would be highly interesting if the facts brought out by an investigation such as the Interstate Commerce Commission made into the Harriman system. Unless some other means is found of starting such an inquiry, it is expected that a resolution will be introduced soon after Congress reconvenes, directing the commission to make it.

One feature of the inquiry which has been directed is the very highest capitalization which has been loaded on the road under the present organization and toward which much criticism has been directed. This is said to be about \$90,000 per mile, an amount thought to be entirely justified by the value of the properties.

Then it is pointed out that the road was placed in the hands of receivers because of its inability to meet its interest charges on bonds, while at another place the statement was made that the road has been using its income extensively to improve and expand the property. It is intimated that an investigation might show that the road has, in short, been put into excellent condition with money that the stockholders ought to have received, and that after the present set of stockholders is forced out of the management will get the road in superior condition, and worth much more than ever before.

The charge that the road's unfortunate financial condition is due largely to the hostile legislation in Southern States has been especially objectionable to Southern Congressmen who believe that the trouble was not with Southern legislators but with New York financiers.

**Seaboard Receivership,
Road's Attorneys Believe,
Will Sway Supreme Court**

The passing of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad into the hands of receivers cannot fail to have its effect, so the railroad's lawyers believe, upon the judgment of the members of the Supreme Court of the United States, who are even now considering the alleged discriminatory nature of recent railroad legislation in various States.

The Minnesota case arose over the attempt to free the State's attorney general, Edward T. Young, by habeas corpus proceedings, from his sentence for contempt for refusing to appear in court that he did not obey a temporary injunction which sought to restrain him from enforcing the new freight rates, fixed by a statute.

The North Carolina case under consideration presents a different aspect, in that an agent of the Southern Railway was arrested for violating the statute which fixed the maximum passenger rate, and the Southern Railway was fined.

In Nebraska the State officials did not wait for the railroad officials to get the first move, but went to the Supreme court of the State for a writ to compel the railroad to obey the law, fixing maximum freight and passenger rates.

In the Virginia case Judge Pritchard held that the 2-cent passenger rate was confiscatory.

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GUDE,

MRS. HULL'S STORY OF SLAIN WOMAN GIVEN CREDENCE

Police Believe Jersey Swamp Victim Was Wayward Step-Sister.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Convinced that Mrs. Hattie Hull told the truth when she declared the victim of the New Jersey swamp tragedy was her half-sister, Minnie Jeannette Gaston, Coroner Bunnell detained the seventeen-year-old wife in Harrison until early today, fearing that the slayer would not hesitate to kill her in order to cover up his tracks.

"I believe the dead girl is Minnie Jeannette Gaston," said the coroner today. "Mrs. Hull's story so impressed me that I believe the man we suspect, having committed one murder would not hesitate to commit another to put this young woman out of the way. I think she will be safer here in our custody than she will be alone in New York."

The coroner had fully decided to keep the girl in custody until after the inquest, but she finally persuaded him to permit her to return to New York, promising to go to Harrison when wanted.

Says Story Is True.

"Some of the papers say that I lie," said Mrs. Hull. "Why should I lie? I am sure that the dead woman is my half-sister, and I am trying to help the police to find the murderer. If they don't do anything then I will trace the murderer myself."

Police Justice Branegan, accompanied by the coroner, escorted Mrs. Hull to the side of the dead body, which was dressed with the clothing found in the Passaic river.

"This isn't Minnie," she exclaimed.

"I won't let them bury you in the field," she said. "I'll never give up until I find your murderer."

Mrs. Hull at this point became hysterical and had to be led away in a fainting condition. When she recovered sufficiently she was put through severe examination by Judge Branegan and the coroner.

"This girl seems to be positive of the identification," Judge Branegan said, when he had concluded the examination. "She is sure that her sister last lived in Brooklyn on Myrtle avenue, and the clothing of the murdered woman was purchased in that borough. We have determined to hold her as a witness."

Police Believe Mrs. Hull.

That the woman made a desperate resistance, the autopsy discloses. With the deepening of the mystery and the part confirmation of the story Mrs. Hull told, the coroner and the police are inclined to give more credit to the strange young woman's tale. She will be held to await the inquest, which will be held in Harrison the night of January 5.

A new clue discovered today bears out Mrs. Hull's story. About 5 o'clock the morning after Christmas a man entered the cafe of the Park Hotel, on Broad street, Newark, and tendered in payment for a drink a \$10 bill. The bartender, John Kirk, had difficulty in making change, and the man, who is described as short and thick-set, took a woman's diamond solitaire ring and threw it on the bar.

"This isn't a pawnshop," the bartender told him. "We do business on a cash basis here."

"Say, what's the matter with your face? It's all scratched?" asked Kirk.

"Oh, it's nothing. I got into a little mix-up in Harrison."

With that he took out his handkerchief and wiped his face, looking in the mirror behind the bar as he did so.

The man then fished some change from a pocket and left the saloon.

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GUDE,

RIOTING FEARED AMONG JAPANESE OF VANCOUVER

**Two Thousand Orientals
on War Path, Many
in Jail.**

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 3.—Many Japanese are being arrested here for carrying arms, and it is said examples will be made of all against whom convictions can be secured for violating the law.

The police, influenced by the bitter anti-Oriental feeling, who are not invariably discreet in making such arrests, have taken several Japanese in custody against whom they had no charges, and in this manner are intensifying the excitement among the islanders as among the white men.

Of the three firemen stabbed in Wednesday's riots, two are doing well. The third, whose injuries were at first considered fatal, is now believed to be sure of recovery, but will be discharged for life.

Leading Japanese admit that their countrymen are sometimes unnecessarily excitable, but argue that they have been badly persecuted until there is much excuse for them. The Japanese section is practically a camp against white men. Its population is about 2,000, and for a Canadiana to venture into the district unguarded would be next to suicide.

The authorities are making a little of the situation as possible, but it is generally conceded that another murder—which is what everyone fears—would certainly precipitate a battle in which many would be killed.

VITAL RECORDS

Births.
Joseph A. and Marie L. Riordan, boy.
Sylvester and Elizabeth M. Kelly, girl.
Clarence A. and Alice Phillips, girl.
William M. and Anna Potzler, boy.
George H. and Rose E. Holz, boy.
William N. and Pearl E. Handberg, boy.
George H. and Agnes Hertel, boy.
Joseph A. and Bertha Harrison, girl.
Charles W. and Mary Crawford, boy.
James E. and Suzanne M. Cannon, girl.
James E. and Elizabeth M. Brownell, boy.

Clyde A. and Alice M. Burris, girl.
Alex H. and Mary A. Brander, boy.
Howard M. and Elsie Armstrong, boy.

Marriage Licenses.
William C. Farmer to Ellen V. Blair, both of Richmond, Va.
Jacob C. Baxter, Mt. Solon, Va., to Nan-
nie V. Bowman, Harrisonburg, Va.

Deaths.
Harriet S. Heth, 72 years, 1906 G street northwest.
Pauline M. Hansen, 51 years, the Clar-
bourne apartment.
Olive Holland, 69 years, 409 Second
street northwest.
Margaret E. Cater, 52 years, 1306 Cham-
plain avenue northwest.
Mary E. Kealey, 50 years, 623 East Cap-
itol street.
William Gibson, 85 years, 1011 E street
southwest.
Leland Hickson, 62 years, 1533 Half
street southwest.
Frank D. Williams, 58 years, 91 Myrtle
street northeast.
Martha A. Perry, 62 years, 1531 H street
northeast.
John T. Pindley, 82 years, 3012 P street
northwest.
John A. Sutherland, 64 years, the Port-
ner.
Josephine Marino, 37 years, 517 H street
northeast.
Catherine A. Ober, 41 years, 702 G street
southwest.
Caroline D. Reuth, 24 years, Blair road.
Takoma Park.
Anjenette A. Lee, 56 years, 424 H street
northwest.
Orville N. Lammert, 72 years, 27 Second
street northeast.

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OFFICE OF THE FIREMEN'S INSUR-

ANCE COMPANY OF WASHINGTON AND GEORGETOWN, 7th & La. Ave. n.w.—The stockholders of the Firemen's Insurance Company of Washington and Georgetown will meet at this office on MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 1908, for the purpose of electing 13 directors for the ensuing year. For open at 11 a. m. and close at 12 m. W. M. HOFFMAN, Secretary.

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Low Prices.**

A crowd of buyers thronged the Lansburgh Furniture Company's store, in the Inter-Ocean building, 512 Ninth street, today to reap the benefit of a bargain sale of \$100,000 worth of furniture, which was sold at 50 cents on the dollar.

The Lansburgh firm purchased at a sheriff's sale in Ulster county, N. Y., the superb stock of the Baldwin Furniture Company, which was forced to the wall by the recent financial stringency, and was forced to sell the entire stock of high-grade furniture at once. The furniture handled by this firm is reputed to be the best make east of the Mississippi river, and its name speaks at once for the general merit and quality of the various exclusive designs manufactured by them.

The buyer for the Lansburgh Furniture Company, realizing the possibility of giving the people of Washington the advantage of buying this furniture at half price, immediately telegraphed W. O. Wyeth, assignee of the Baldwin Company, that they would bid \$2,000 for the entire stock. The sale was immediately ratified by the court, and the goods shipped to Washington.

The opportunity that this great sale of furniture presents to the people of Washington has never been equaled. China closets, dressers, chiffoniers, buffets, morris chairs, hall racks, extension tables, and a number of other designs in furniture selling from \$70 to \$80 under the Baldwin prices, have been cut in half, according to the schedule arranged by the Lansburgh firm.

In carpets, Scotch lace curtains, Russian lace curtains, brass beds, chairs, tapestry, and other household furnishings the prices are remarkably low.

The sale will continue throughout today and as long as the furniture lasts. Improved facilities for handling the crowds have been provided by the firm, and courteous and quick service is assured by the management.

ONE STRAY CANINE

STARTS YOUNG TEMPEST

In a letter to Health Officer Woodward, E. S. Wescott, of 2055 Newark street, Cleveland Park, entered a complaint concerning the management of the dog pound. Mr. Wescott says that last fall there was a stray dog in the Park and that every effort was made by the residents to have the animal removed to the pound, but without success. The dog was finally killed by a policeman.

The writer also says he was recently notified to quarantine a dog belonging to him on account of information furnished the Health Department that the animal was bitten by a stray dog which was killed by the policeman and upon examination was found to be suffering from rabies. Mr. Wescott says he is convinced that a mistake has occurred as he examined his dog carefully and found no signs of rabies.

Samuel Einstein, pound master, says that he has responded as promptly to all calls as his limited force will permit and that he has no recollection of Mr. Wescott calling attention to the stray dog in Cleveland Park.

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TAX APPEAL CASES WILL BEGIN MONDAY

E. W. W. Griffin, Assessor of the Dis-

trict, announced today that the board of equalization and review will next Monday, in room 21 of the District building, begin the hearing of all appeals from persons dissatisfied with the reassessment of their property in the triennial assessment, just completed.

As the law provides that these hearings must be concluded by the first Monday in June, 1908, in order that the completed returns may be placed on the books of the Assessor's office by July 1, and as many of the protestants wait until the last moment before appearing before the board, the Commissioners have prepared an amendment to be introduced in Congress at an early date, providing that all appeals must hereafter be filed on or before the first Monday in April. This will give the board three months to consider the cases presented, instead of only one month, as at present.

AG'D BANKER KILLS SELF.